

Who should register as a lobbyist?

- (1) An employee of an association, corporation, organization, or firm (or an individual acting on their own behalf), who seeks to influence the city budget or legislation being considered by the City-County Council for the purposes of benefiting a client or employer who compensates the employee more than \$1,000 in a calendar year.
- (2) An employee of an association, corporation, organization, or firm (or an individual acting on their own behalf), who seeks to influence the budget, policies, regulations, procedures, or decisions of a City or County agency, as defined in the Revised Code, for the purposes of benefiting a client or employer who compensates the employee more than \$1,000 in a calendar year. Such decisions may include, but are not limited to, purchases, permits, licenses, and contracts.
- (3) Employee of an association, corporation, organization, or firm (or an individual acting on their own behalf), who seeks to influence the budget, policies, regulations, procedures, or decisions of the Mayor, a deputy mayor, counsel to the mayor, or appointed City official for the purposes of benefiting a client or employer who compensates the employee more than \$1,000 in a calendar year. Such decisions may include, but are not limited to, purchases, permits, licenses, and contracts.

Who should not register as a lobbyist?

- (1) An individual who inquires about potential funding from the City or seeks information about City programs and policies. Simply put, asking policy questions does not require registration; any attempt to influence the answers to those questions, does.
- (2) An individual who seeks to sell a product or service to the City.
- (3) An attorney representing a client in a criminal or civil matter, an ordinance violation, or a public hearing.
- (4) An individual who represents a religious organization for the purpose of protecting the organization's constitutional rights.
- (5) Any newspaper or other periodical of general circulation, book publisher, news wire service, or radio or television station (including any individual who owns, publishes, or is employed by any such newspaper or periodical or radio or television station) that in the ordinary course of business publishes news items, editorials, or other comments or paid advertisement that directly or indirectly urge agency action if such newspaper, periodical, book publisher, radio or television station, or individual engages in no additional activities in connection with agency action
- (6) An individual invited by an agency, official, or employee to provide advice.
- (7) An individual acting on their own behalf; or under Article 1, Section 31 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana who assembles together with other individuals for the common good or petitions an agency for redress of grievances.

